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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c)(1)

Since the filing of January 17, 2007, the undersigned representative has been informed that the present application is in fact entitled to small entity status and has been so entitled since the time of filing. Accordingly please find enclosed copies of executed Small Entity Statements for the two co-assignees of this application, namely Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Applicant apologizes for any confusion caused in the record by statements made in previous filings and respectfully requests that the entity status of this application be updated in the USPTO database as SMALL ENTITY .

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this application, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4793.

Respectfully Submitted,
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(c) An independent inventor as used in this chapter means any inventor who (1) has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and (2) is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a nonprofit organization under this section.

(d) A small business concern as used in this chapter means any business concern meeting the size standards set forth in 13 CFR Part 121 to be eligible for reduced patent fees. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small Business Administration, Size Standards Staff, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

(e) A nonprofit organization as used in this chapter means (1) a university or other institution of higher education located in any country; (2) an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a)); (3) any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a nonprofit organization statute of a state of this country (35 U.S.C. 201(i)); or (4) any nonprofit organization located in a foreign country which would qualify as a nonprofit organization under paragraphs (e) (2) or (3) of this section if it were located in this country.

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I have read the above and believe that, with respect to the invention related to Ogilvy Renault's file identified below, the patent owners qualify to pay reduced fees as a small entity. I authorize Ogilvy Renault to pay reduced fees as a small entity, and I will notify Ogilvy Renault of any change in this qualification.

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13CFR§121.802

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13CFR§121.1001(b)(5)

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Nom du propriétaire: Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership
Name and title of signing officer (if applicable): Marc Leroux
Nom et titre de l'officier autorisé (s'il y a lieu): President and Managing Director
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 Nom et titre de l'officier autorisé (s'il y a lieu): Catherine Innes, Director
 Signature and date: _____
 Signature et date: Catherine Innes April 2, 2007